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SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH SHCHUKIN AND TRUSOV
(SALT TWO -738)

1. DURING THE COURSE OF PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SHCHUKIN AT A SOCIAL OCCASION LAST NIGHT I INITIATED A DISCUSSION OF PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII BY EXPRESSING MY SURPRISE AND S DISAPPOINTMENT AT WHAT I TERMED "VIOLENT REACTION" OF SOVDEL, INCLUDING SEMENOV'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME, AS WELL AS HIS AUGUST 19 PLENARY STATEMENT. SHCHUKIN SAID THAT IN PART THIS REACTION WAS DUD TO THOSE ON SOVDEL WHO "HONESTLY" FELT THAT OUR FORMULATION,TOGETHER WITH AGREED STATEMENT, WAS AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BASIS FOR INTRODUCING ESPIONAGE AGENTS INTO SOVIET LABORATORIES, WHICH INTERPRETATION WAS "MISUSED" BY OTHERS WHO DID NOT NECESSARILY BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. THOSE HOLDING THE FORMER INTERPRETATION WERE GIVEN MUCH SUPPORT BY PRESS ARTICLES IN MORNING PAPER WHICH QUOTED PRESIDENT FORD TO THE EFFECT THAT AN EFFECTIVE CIA WAS PART OF WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO VERIFY A SALT AGREEMENT. SHCHUKIN SAID THAT THIS WAS THE SAME AS
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IF SOVS HAD STATED THAT THE KGB AND GRU WERE NEEDED IN

ADDITION TO NTM FOR VERIFICATION. I, OF COURSE, STRONGLY DISCLAIMED THIS INTERPRETATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, POINTING OUT THAT CIA HAD BEEN AND STILL WAS MAJOR ELEMENT IN DEVELOPING NTM.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, SHCHUKIN AT ONE POINT SAID THAT THE SOVIET TERM FOR CONCEALMENT (MASKIROVKA) MIGHT ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS INCLUDING OUR CONCEPT OF IMPEDING, BUT REJECTED CONCEPT OF OUR AGREED STATEMENT AND AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF ITS SUBSTANCE. HE SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE SOVDEL TO PUT FORWARD A COUNTER PROPOSAL AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR US TO PUT FORWARD A NEW PROPOSAL "USING FEWER WORDS" TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD. IN RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS BE RESUMED BY VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP HE, IN EFFECT, SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS IN PRESENCE OF GENERAL BELETSKY. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT PARA 2 (E) OF ARTICLE XVIII (SCC) ADQUATTELY COVERED LAST SENTENCE OF OUR PROPOSAL, THAT IS, ON UNINTENTINALLY IMPEDING VERIFICATION. I SAID THAT I SAW HIS POINT, BUT FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE CONCEPT IN PARA 3.

3. IN A CONVERSATION ON THE SAME OCCASION WITH CHERNAY, TRUSOV SAID THAT THE "LAST MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS OF SALT I MUST NOT BE REPEATED," AND THAT SOVIETS WERE CONFUSED BY ABSENCE OF USDEL REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSALS WHICH WERE BASED UPON AGREEMENTS REACHED IN KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING IN GENEVA AND HELSINKI MEETING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IN ADDITION TO ARTICLE X, TRUSOV SAID THAT SOVIET LAUGUAGE FOR ARTICLE IX WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT REACHED IN HELSINKI. HE ALSO SAID THAT "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" HAD BEEN REACHED IN HELSINKI ON DEFINITION OF HEAVY MISSILE WHICH DELETED ANY REFERENCE TO THROWWEIGHT AND ALLEGED THAT SEMENOV HAD ATTEMPTED TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH ME. (THIS, OF COURSE, IS ENTIRELY WRONG, AS IT IS I WHO HAD RAISED IT WITH HIM, AND I WILL SEEK TO STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT WITH HIM.) WITH RESPECT TO BACKFIRE, TRUSOV CALLED THE AIRCRAFT A NEW MEDIUM BOMBER WITH CERTAIN TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS THAT OTHER MEDIUM BOMBERS DO NOT HAVE, BUT THIS WAS NO REASON TO CONSIDER IT A HEAVY BOMBER AS IT DID NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITIES AS EXPRESSED BY THE U.S. SIDE. JOHNSON

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